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Local Knowledge. Regional Solutions. Statewide Impacts.........
These words reflect the decades of service to the citizens of Florida by the Florida Regional Councils Association, and now we have the message to express what we have always known. As President of FRCA I am pleased to present the new FRCA logo, newsletter, website and mission statement to you. This new look and voice reflects the shared vision for Florida communities and businesses supported by the great variety of services provided by our regional planning councils. Florida local governments benefit and quality of life is improved by our expertise in community and economic development, transportation and emergency preparedness planning, and our ability to provide regional collaboration.

As our regional planning councils plan today for Florida’s tomorrow, they have worked together to accomplish many statewide and multi-regional projects as well as those that benefit our individual communities. I invite you to take a look at these examples of regional partnerships and collaboration, of innovative local government projects, of successful federal and state funded programs, of economic business partnerships, and of meaningful public engagement as you read through this Report.

Special thanks to FRCA’s Immediate Past President, Former Senator now Commissioner Lee Constantine for his accomplishments and dedication during his time leading our organization. It is my pleasure to serve the Florida Regional Councils Association during the implementation of our rebranding initiatives. I look forward to our continued successes in the coming year.

FRCA leverages partnerships to build a strong economy and to improve the lives of all Floridians. May we continue this mission together!

Barbara Sheen Todd, President
Florida Regional Councils Association

Leveraging partnerships to build a strong economy and improve the lives of all Floridians …THAT is the mission of FRCA.
The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) is an alliance of Florida’s 10 Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) and serves to enhance regional collaboration throughout the state. Planning Councils are multi-purpose entities comprised of local governments that solve problems at the regional level and help communities grow.

Through its RPCs, the FRCA creates partnerships statewide to support economic growth, improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for all Floridians.
FRCA encourages and promotes opportunities for RPCs to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments.

FRCA also monitors substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promotes mutually-supportive policy positions among the RPCs.

The RPCs focus on:
- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Emergency Preparedness
- Quality of Life
- Serving as Regional Conveners

**STATEWIDE IMPACT**

By the numbers, from 2005 to 2015

- **Through RPCs, the U.S. EDA* Invested:**
  - $74.9M in 39 projects
  - 5.6K jobs created
  - +10K jobs retained

- **RPCs Contributed:**
  - $42.0M via loan funds
  - To grow and retain Florida businesses and jobs

- **RPCs Trained:**
  - 38,000 first responders
  - And other emergency management personnel

- **RPCs Reviewed:**
  - +12,600 projects
  - Under the Federal Consistency Review Program
  - Equals hundreds of millions of investment dollars

*Economic Development Administration*
THE FRCA IS AN ALLIANCE OF
10 REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

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FRCA is governed by a Policy Board that meets twice a year to discuss issues affecting the RPCs. Each RPC selects two elected officials and one gubernatorial appointee to serve on the FRCA Policy Board. Each of the 10 RPCs is represented by an Executive Director and they, collectively, serve as an advisory body to the FRCA Policy Board.
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1Source: Florida Estimates of Population, 2015, Table 1, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2016.
2FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

International Drive Resort Area Economic Impact Analysis

Home to the nation’s second largest convention center and six of the world’s most visited theme parks, the International Drive Resort Area (I-Drive) is one of the country’s premiere tourist destinations. The I-Drive Improvement District contracted with the East Central Florida RPC (ECFRPC) to prepare an economic impact study for the area. The project includes an existing conditions analysis that provides an overview of the resort area’s land use, infrastructure, demographic, and economic characteristics.

The ECFRPC also developed a methodology to estimate the total number of resort area visitors and their expenditures. The ECFRPC then entered this information into the REMI PI+ model to calculate the economic value of I-Drive to Orange County and Metro Orlando. A second REMI simulation was used to calculate the economic impact of 30 new projects currently under development.

Tampa Bay RPC Partnered with Universities on Land Use Analysis

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) partnered with the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) for the project titled, “Land Use Mix for Fiscal Sustainability in Beachfront Communities” which provides a road map on policy options for growing sustainably in declining communities. Work was funded by a grant awarded from the Land Economics Foundation. Faculty from USFSP and the University of Tampa examined current commercial and residential land use policies that hinder economic growth in older, more established beach communities.

The City of Treasure Island partnered as a case study. The methodologies used, the lessons learned, and the partnership model will be easily transferred to other localities with similar challenges.

Study results are being used to propose commercial and residential policy changes that will encourage revitalization in Treasure Island and improve economic growth and development opportunities. The project explores a change in commercial zoning, a revision of residential land use regulations, and alternative options to promote sustainable growth within the City. TBRPC provided economic analyses and evacuation modeling for the study.

All 10 regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U.S. Economic Development Administration. In that role working with private and public sector partners they develop and track a five year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, known as CEDS.

RPCs complete regional economic impact analysis using the nationally recognized REMI software, facilitate Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment.
Southwest Florida RPC Leads Promise Zone Initiative

In 2016, the areas of Collier, Glades, and Hendry Counties were federally designated as a Promise Zone. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) led the Promise Zone Initiative with partners across local governments and private sectors.

The Promise Zone designation creates a partnership in which federal and local leaders partner to spur economic growth, improve educational opportunity, leverage private investment, create jobs and reduce crime in their communities of persistent poverty. The Council hopes to leverage the region’s abundant natural resources and young, able population to make vast improvements. As the region struggles with a poverty rate over 30 percent, leaders are working to jumpstart economic activity in the region and improve safety and opportunities for residents.

The primary goals of the Southwest Florida Promise Zone include:

- Growing jobs by developing an Airglades Industrial Park, an Immokalee Airport, and an Americas Gateway Logistics & Manufacturing Training Center
- Creating eco-tourism attractions and supporting small businesses throughout the region with technical assistance and funding
- Preventing human trafficking by increasing law enforcement and educating at-risk youth through the “Slave Free” program
- Improving educational opportunities by expanding the Immokalee Readers Program, the Career Development Program and the Post-Secondary and Career Success Programs of the Immokalee Foundation
- Upgrading water and wastewater systems, public transit, roads and street lights throughout the region

As the lead agency for the Southwest Florida Promise Zone, the SWFRPC is responsible for coordinating all activities and ensuring the success of the initiative. A critical component of the Promise Zone initiative is regional collaboration between the government, education, non-profit, and private sectors. The Promise Zone designation has served as a catalyst to engage these stakeholders and generate regional support for the initiative. SWFRPC has established economic development, education, and crime “task forces” to facilitate regional collaboration. To date, more than 100 individuals from the aforementioned sectors have participated in these task forces. The SWFRPC looks forward to continuing efforts with regional stakeholders to successfully leverage the unprecedented federal resources being made available to the region to attract investment, create jobs, and foster economic prosperity.

Economic Development Activities of the RPCs:

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is an integral part of the work of the RPCs. Many RPCs serve as the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Several RPCs serve as staff to their local Metropolitan or Transportation Planning Organizations, known as MPOs or TPOs. Planning services of the RPCs also include Compete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, and Greenways and Trails planning.

CFRPC/HRTPO Receives Excellence in Regional Transportation Award

Recognized for the development of the Public Participation Plan for the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) received an Excellence in Regional Transportation Award at the RPO America’s 2016 National Regional Transportation Conference in Chattanooga, TN. The awards program recognized 30 noteworthy projects from around the country that help meet regional needs in innovative ways, through cooperation with partners, increasing system and community resilience, and in many cases, using creative funding. These award-winning projects serve as models for many different transportation program areas that involve regional planning and problem solving.

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) provides guidelines used by the HRTPO, (the newest MPO/TPO in Florida) to inform and gather input from residents, communities, and interest groups throughout the six counties it serves in order to expand the information available for planning. The PPP also outlines organizational structure and work products, describes HRTPO public communication tools, prescribes public comment periods, and offers opportunities for public involvement. In 2015-2016 the organization had over 8,500 website visits, hosted two workshops on transportation needs in the Heartland with 44 participants from 9 zip codes, reached over 13,500 through their Facebook page, engaged with 48 focus group participants in three counties, and formed both the 24-member Technical Advisory Committee and 13-member Citizen Advisory Committee. For more information about the plan please visit www.heartlandregionaltpo.org.
TCRPC Leads Village of Tequesta Complete Streets Project

Working collaboratively with the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and affected local governments, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council conducted a public planning charrette which led to the adoption of the Tequesta/Jupiter US1 Corridor Master Plan.

The plan details a transformation of the corridor from a six-lane highway devoid of bicycle facilities to a four-lane “Complete Streets” retrofit, utilizing FDOT’s Lane Elimination Program. Amenities will include buffered bicycle lanes, pedestrian-scale lighting, landscaping, intersection improvements, and a multi-use path to connect the “village center” to the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area, which is a nationally recognized historic landmark. The plan was completed in February 2015, with engineering through 2016, and construction scheduled for 2017.

Transportation Activities of the RPCs:

Transportation Disadvantaged Program | Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations Complete Streets Planning | Safe Routes to School Initiatives | Regional Greenways and Trails Planning
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North Central Florida RPC Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Training Project

In 2016 as new natural gas pipelines were being approved in Florida, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team, and 26 project partners completed a project to increase first responder and emergency management preparedness for successfully handling a natural gas pipeline emergency. The Team provides hazardous materials emergency response to 11 counties and nearly half a million people in north central Florida. NCRPC received an Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations for the project.

The project had four main components all of which were conducted by the RPC which provided the Team with administrative and planning support.

**Table Top Exercises:** Conducted a series of table top exercises centered on three pipeline compressors stations in the region, three emergency situations were presented and the participants reported the actions they would take.

**Planning:** Identified out-of-date planning information contained in the National Pipeline Mapping System and the Celeritas Identified Site Registry. Proposed a methodology that could be used in Florida to share critical facility inventories to provide a common operating picture.

**Public Education:** Conducted public outreach advising the public of steps being taken to enhance pipeline safety by emergency responders.

**Enhance Existing Hazmat Training Program to include Pipeline Responses:** Addressed an identified gap in the regional hazmat training program that needed to include pipeline safety and response to both leaks and the secondary consequences associated with the direct and indirect impacts of a pipeline leak. This activity included a natural gas leak training prop and a small trailer to transport the prop around the region.
North Florida Medical Reserve Corps Receives Award

Begun in 2005, the North Florida Medical Reserve Corps (NFMRC) is a regional volunteer organization that has grown to include more than 50 trained and credentialed medical volunteers who assist with public health events and disaster response.

For its continuous efforts supporting public health initiatives, the NFMRC was honored last year with a “Public Health Thank You Day” Award. Apalachee Regional Planning Council staffer, Denise Imbler, has served as the Coordinator of the North Florida MRC for the last seven years and was presented with the “Public Health Hero” Award from the Florida Department of Health in Leon County.

The NFMRC volunteers have assisted Leon County with various public health events including monitoring duties for the Ebola virus, influenza vaccination clinics and school health screenings at elementary and middle schools.

Emergency Prepardness Activities of the RPCs:

- Emergency Management Planning and Exercises
- Hazardous Materials
- Training for First Responders Reporting
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies
The RPCs improve the quality of life in Florida through a variety of services provided to local governments and programs operated through state and federal grant funding. Through visioning and community planning efforts the RPCs assist local communities as they set goals to implement an economic vision and strategy. Brownfields programs across the state work to provide resources that clean up abandoned or underused commercial and industrial sites resulting in new economic development activities. Many RPCs also provide other services to enhance the quality of life like GIS mapping and affordable housing initiatives.

West Florida RPC Hosts Expo

In 2016, the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) hosted an expo at the Emerald Coast Convention Center in Fort Walton Beach for elected officials, members of various program boards, and the community-at-large.

The day included a four-hour continuing education on ethics training, facilitated by the Florida League of Cities and featuring speaker, Attorney Jerry Miller; a program fair displaying the many programs and services facilitated by the WFRPC; a WFRPC board meeting; and a thank you dinner for the many citizens, volunteers, board members, elected officials and staff members who keep WFRPC successfully moving forward in its quest to preserve and enhance the quality of life in northwest Florida. More than 40 people attended the training and the dinner, and many others visited the program fair and attended the board meeting.

WFRPC Executive Director, Austin Mount, said, “It was a great opportunity to bring so many important partners of the WFRPC under one roof to discuss our growth and future, and just to say, ‘thank you’ to everyone who assists in our success.”
Award Winning East Lake Parker/West North Combee Brownfields Areawide Plan Builds Foundation for Future Revitalization

This award winning Areawide Plan, completed in the fall of 2015, was developed by the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) over a two-year period through public/private partnerships, extensive community involvement and provides a foundation for future assessment, cleanup, and reuse of brownfields properties to promote areawide revitalization and economic development.

The opportunity to focus attention on this neighborhood came with the Environmental Protection Agency’s nationwide competitive Brownfields Areawide Grant awarded to the CFRPC. The Council developed extensive community-based involvement, local government support, and partnerships with private property owners in the area for the project. Community preference guided all areas of the plan development. A conceptual site plan including a land use and pathway plan with rendering including: office, medical, and neighborhood commercial areas, community services, apartment homes, and senior living facilities. Work will continue using a Brownfields Assessment Grant and the CFRPC’s Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund to continue redevelopment in the community.

During its June 2016 state conference, the Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) recognized the Central Florida Regional Planning Council’s East Lake Parker/West North Combee Brownfields Areawide Plan as the 2016 Outstanding Redevelopment Plan. The Plan also received the 2015 National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Innovation Award, the 2015 American Planning Association (APA) Heart of Florida Section Award of Merit, the 2016 APA Florida Award of Excellence, and the 2016 Best Practice Award in Leadership from Sustainable Florida.

Quality of Life Activities of the RPCs:

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping | US Census Data Center | Grant Writing and Administration | Visioning and Community Planning | Health Initiatives | Brownfields Programs | Affordable Housing Initiatives | Natural Resource Coordination Activities
Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Academy

The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) continued a ten-year program by welcoming the Class of 2016 to its Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Academy. The 14 candidates represent a variety of fields including law enforcement, aviation, and education.

Since 2006, the Regional Leadership Academy has produced more than 250 regionalists and lifetime members of the Regional Community Institute.

Each month, the class explored one county in the region, examining regional issues such as transportation, public safety, natural and cultural resources, food, sustainability, and education.

Apalachicola Basin SWIM Plan Update

In 2016 the Apalachicola Regional Planning Council (ARPC) began work with the Northwest Florida Water Management District and a variety of partners to provide an update to the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan of the Apalachicola River and Bay.

The Apalachicola River contributes the third greatest freshwater input into the Gulf of Mexico and was recently titled the ‘most endangered’ river in America by American Rivers. The goal of the project is to provide a fresh characterization and analysis of the watershed while also gathering input from the stakeholders. One of the primary purposes of the update is to guide the Restoration Strategy for the region while identifying future projects. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is funding the update as part of Florida’s Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF) Restoration Strategy. NFWF (2016) explains the process further:

“This multi-component, multi-year project is an integrated planning effort that will serve as an overarching framework for restoring and conserving the natural resources of Florida’s Gulf Coast through the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF).”
South Florida Regional Planning Council Spearheads a Regional DataCommon

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) has created a collaborative platform for sharing Data Stories to drive decisions and inform communities. The Southeast Florida DataCommon is a unique multi-sector website using mapping visualization tools to enhance communication, improve policymaking, support the development of grant proposals, facilitate analysis of relevant community trends, and further community participation and engagement to invoke meaningful change.

Many of South Florida’s public, private, nonprofit, civic, and philanthropic organizations are individually collecting data and tabulating information about their respective geographies, areas of expertise, communities, service areas, and constituencies. However, sharing data among organizations can be challenging and thus the need for DataCommon to break down data silos by offering new value and context to provide a compelling story for its use. SFRPC aims to foster a learning community by promoting engagement with the DataCommon and by offering trainings and convenings. Dr. Keren Bolter of SFRPC Staff recently presented on the DataCommon in an EPA webinar entitled “Decide with Data: Strengthen Your Sustainability Efforts”. The development of the DataCommon is instrumental to advancing the fundamental understanding of patterns and trends in the region, and assisting partners, policymakers, and communities in their efforts to shape a better future for Southeast Florida.

2016 Indian River Lagoon Economic Valuation Update

East Central Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils worked together to complete the 2016 Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Economic Valuation Update. Based on 2014 labor and employment data, the purpose of the update was to:

- Estimate the total annual economic output of the IRL
- Establish a repeatable and valid methodology for future updates
- Identify and resolve missing and incomplete data sets for making future updates better

The updated valuation data suggests that total annual economic output of the IRL is more than $7.64 billion, with a positive annual return on investment calculated at 33 to 1 for the five-county region’s economy.

Coast to Coast Trail Urban-Rural Overlay

The Florida Coast to Coast Trail (C2C) is the first cross-state trail in the statewide SUNTrail network of Greenways and Trails. It will stretch from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean and traverse nine counties. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, in partnership with East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, received a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Technical Assistance Grant to develop an Urban–Rural Design Overlay and conduct an opportunities inventory for the C2C.

The trail is 75 percent complete and will span approximately 250 miles when completed in 2020. This trail will provide Floridians and visitors with a unique trail experience, both through natural Florida as well as through downtowns and other destinations. National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) recently recognized the project with an Innovation Award.

Regional Conveners Activities of the RPCs:

Federal Clearinghouse Review | Strategic Regional Policy Plan | Visioning and Sustainable Regional Plan Initiatives
Developments of Regional Impact | Dispute Resolution | Regional Leadership | Public Engagement
Working together, RPCs conduct cooperative statewide projects such as the award-winning statewide Regional Evacuation Studies, the Energy Assurance Study, and coastal resiliency planning.

Regional Planning Councils Update Evacuation Studies Statewide

The Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program (SRES) was born from a partnership between Florida’s Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) with support from local emergency management agencies. Regional Evacuation Studies were the first consistent statewide study to analyze regional evacuation routes, storm surge heights, vulnerable population, public shelter capacities and local and regional evacuation times. Since 2010, the RPCs have worked on updates to ensure that county emergency managers have the most consistent and up-to-date information to plan for hurricanes and other natural hazards.

In 2016, updates to the demographics, regional hazards analysis, and regional vulnerability and population analysis sections of the study were completed and provided to the 67 local emergency managers in Florida. Maps and data tables analyzed the vulnerabilities of each county’s population and included critical facilities, housing units, storm surge areas, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated flood zones. Wildfire urban interface risks were also included. Maps were created for each county and for each region in the state and provide local and area-wide vulnerability summaries.

Regional Evacuation Studies are a valuable resource for assessing shelter demand, evacuation routes, and travel times during evacuations as well as other potential risks. With their unique access to regional partners and information, the RPCs continue to be a valued partner in the SRES program.

With the first active hurricane season in 10 years in 2016, the Regional Evacuation Studies continue to prove a vital planning tool for emergency managers.
The Association fosters relationships and partnerships and coordinates with regional, state, and national associations and organizations, non-profit entities, public-private partnerships, the Governor’s Office, state agencies and others on issues of mutual interest and concern and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and priorities.

In our large and diverse state, there are challenges. Where others see obstacles, we see opportunities. FRCA, through the RPCs, leverages resources and expertise – based on more than 50 years of experience – to help small businesses, local governments and citizens address challenges and make the most of opportunities. RPCs play many roles. They are consensus builders and problem solvers, serving as regional conveners by helping to articulate and resolve multi-jurisdictional issues and by delivering proven programs and services.
2016 Small County Coalition Outstanding Service Award
North Central Florida RPC

2016 Florida National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Awards
Apalachee RPC
Franklin County Disaster Business Resiliency

Central Florida RPC
2015 Polk County Local Mitigation Strategy
Sebring Airport Encouragement Zone/Spring Lake Mixed Use Development Area Overlay

East Central FL & Tampa Bay RPCs
Florida Coast 2 Coast Trail Urban-Rural Overlay Study

North Central Florida RPC
Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Training Project

2016 Florida National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Excellence in Transportation Award
Central Florida RPC
Heartland Regional TPO Public Participation Plan

2016 Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) Outstanding Redevelopment Plan Award
Central Florida RPC
East Lake Parker/West North Combee Redevelopment Plan

2016 America Planning Association (APA) Florida Award of Excellence
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East Lake Parker/West North Combee Redevelopment Plan

2016 Sustainable Florida Award
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2016 Driehause Form-Based Codes Institute International Form-Based Code Award
Treasure Coast RPC
City of Delray Beach Central Business District Form-Based Code and Architectural Design Guidelines
What do we do better than anyone else?
Coordinate intergovernmental solutions to regional issues, support economic development and provide professional and technical support to local governments.